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translation of Applicants' priority documents, thereby perfecting a claim to priority under 35

U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-6 and 13 should be withdrawn.

Claims 7-12 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As

applicant believes that the rejection to the base claims has been overcome, claims 7-12 are

allowable in their current form.

In view of the foregoing it is submitted that claims 1-13, being all the claims presently in

the application, are in condition for allowance and therefore should be passed to issue at the

earliest possible time.

If the Examiner does not find this application in condition for allowance he is respectfully

requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington D.C. telephone number 293-7060 to

discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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